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MARIA WATCHES OVER US (Maria-sama ga Miteru) PRINTEMPS
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***MARIA WATCHES OVER US, Season 2:
Printemps***
Format: DVD (Litebox)

Pre-Book: 10/2/2012
Street Date: 11/6/2012
Runtime: 325 minutes
Genre: Drama
Suggested Rating: 13+

Audio: Japanese (Dolby Digital 2.0 Stereo)
Subtitles: 2 English subtitle tracks, plus English on-screen translations
Video: 4:3, Color
Catalog #: RSDVD1282
ISBN: 1-57032-720-3
UPC: 7-42617-1282-2-6
SRP: \$39.99

Discs/Set: 4
Case Quantity: 30

NOZOMI ENTERTAINMENT Announces
MARIA WATCHES OVER US, Season 2: Printemps
Complete second season available as Litebox-style DVD set on Nov. 6, 2012

GRIMES, Iowa, July 18, 2012 – Anime producer and distributor **Right Stuf, Inc.** and its **Nozomi Entertainment** division are pleased to announce the ***MARIA WATCHES OVER US, Season 2: Printemps*** DVD set will be available on **November 6, 2012**.

This new DVD set repackages the **entire 13-episode second television season** of ***Maria Watches Over Us***, plus the **Season 2 specials**, in a single DVD kepcase. It features Japanese audio, along with English on-screen translations, and **two English-language subtitle tracks**: one with **regular dialogue subtitles** and a second, **special subtitle track that retains the Japanese honorifics**.

“funny, touching and engrossing” – *Anime News Network*
“this series is awesome” – *Otaku USA*
“Very recommended.” – *The Fandom Post*
“Shelf Worthy” – *Anime News Network’s Shelf Life*
“a truly beautiful anime” – *Future Anime*

The ***Maria Watches Over Us*** anime is based upon a series of novels – written by **Oyuki Konno** and illustrated by **Reine Hibiki** – that began in 1998 and spans 38 volumes. Short stories related to the series have been published in the *shoujo* (girls’) magazine *Cobalt*, and a manga adaptation was serialized in the anthology magazine *Margaret*. The series’ publisher, Shueisha, produced 14 drama CDs (featuring radio-style plays), and there are also several Internet radio plays, a live-action film adaptation and a spin-off novel series.

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The anime adaptation of *Maria-sama ga Miteru* – also referred to by fans as “*MariMite*” – encompasses two, 13-episode TV seasons, a 5-episode OVA (original video animation) as its third season, and a 13-episode fourth season, which aired on Japanese television during 2009. All four seasons are licensed for English-speaking audiences by and available on DVD from Right Stuf’s Nozomi Entertainment.

Maria Watches Over Us features animation by **Studio DEEN** (*Fruits Basket*, *Gravitation*, *Rurouni Kenshin*), scripting by **Reiko Yoshida** (*ARIA*, *Boys Over Flowers*, *Story of Saiunkoku*), and direction by **Yukihiro Matsushita** (Seasons 1-3; *Blue Dragon*, *Sugar Sugar Rune*) and **Toshiyuki Kato** (Season 4; *Full Moon O Sagashite*, *CODE-E*).

Visit maria-sama.rightstuf.com for more information about *Maria Watches Over Us* (*Maria-sama ga Miteru*), including detailed character profiles, trailers, downloads and more.

About MARIA WATCHES OVER US, Season 2: Printemps

The spring term is beginning for the students at Lillian Girls’ Academy. Friends are reunited, but for the Yamayuri Council, it’s a bittersweet time. Yoko, Eriko, and Sei are busy preparing to depart Lillian, while Sachiko, Rei, and Shimako are doing their best to ensure that their dear sisters receive a memorable commencement. Sei’s departure will leave a sizable hole in the White Roses and filling it won’t be easy. But is there anyone who will appeal to Shimako enough to become the next *Rosa Gigantea en bouton*?

Contains the complete 13-episode second season, plus Season 2 specials.

Features:

Two English subtitle tracks (standard dialogue subtitles, plus a special subtitle track that includes Japanese honorifics) and English on-screen translations. **PLUS:** Season 2 specials 1-6, liner notes and Nozomi Entertainment trailers.

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ABOUT RIGHT STUF, INC.

Currently celebrating its 25th year in business, **Right Stuf, Inc.** was one of the first players in the U.S. Japanese Animation (“anime”) industry, as both an anime producer/distributor and a retailer. Right Stuf works to promote knowledge of its own products, as well as the anime and manga industry, in general, through its online storefront at RightStuf.com and a variety of media including podcasts and special publications. Its video and print publishing division includes the Nozomi Entertainment, Lucky Penny, and 5 Points Pictures studio-labels.

ABOUT NOZOMI ENTERTAINMENT

A publishing division of Right Stuf, Inc., Nozomi Entertainment is its signature label, dedicated to high-quality releases for collectors. True to the Japanese word that inspired its name, Nozomi’s focus is on “*what fans want*.” By focusing on a limited number of anime properties each year, the Nozomi production team ensures each release receives the care and attention to detail it deserves.

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From anime classics like *Astro Boy*, *Kimba* and *Gigantor* to modern comedies, dramas and favorites such as *The Irresponsible Captain Tylor*, *His and Her Circumstances*, *Gravitation*, *Ninja Nonsense*, *The Third: The Girl With the Blue Eye*, *Emma: A Victorian Romance*, *Maria Watches Over Us*, *ARIA*, *Gakuen Alice*, *Rental Magica*, *Dirty Pair*, *Junjo Romantica* and *Revolutionary Girl Utena*, Nozomi Entertainment releases quality programming for fans of all ages and interests.

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